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Economy, Skills and Natural Resources Group

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11532



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

Request for Information: ATISN 11532

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 September.

I confirm that we hold some recorded information relating to your request. A copy of this is enclosed at annex A.

We hold no recorded information in relation to internal legal advice costs or internal meetings.

You also requested copies of all 165 responses to the “improving opportunities to access the outdoors for responsible recreation” that arrived after the official closing date of the consultation. As responses to public consultations have to be made available on request, this request does not need to be logged as a Freedom of Information request. The information has been included with this response.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@gov.wales

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex A

All financial costs associated with a review of legislation relating to access and outdoor recreation from 01/01/2013 – 15/05/2014, including legal costs.

Details of venues and meeting dates and methods of collating evidence to form the content of the Ministerial statement issued on 15/05/2014.

External legal costs	£1,628
Details of stakeholder meetings:	
10/07/13 Internal Welsh Government workshop	£0
04/09/13 Conwy Business Centre	£741.60
05/09/13 Builth Wells	£926.40
24/09/13 Maldron Hotel Cardiff	£1,035
Sign language interpreter	£1,460

Methods of collating evidence to form the content of the Ministerial statement relates to the way in which we work rather than the information we hold.

All financial costs associated with the Welsh Government consultation ‘Improving opportunities to access the outdoors for responsible recreation’ from 15/05/2014 – 31/03/2016, including legal costs.

Youth version of consultation	£4,722
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Details of stakeholder engagement events relating to the consultation.

No stakeholder engagement events were held.

Details, of meeting dates and venues within Welsh Government departments to include Ministerial meetings related to the above consultation.

Meeting between the Minister for Natural Resources and officials on 18/11/2014.

We hold no recorded information on internal meetings and discussions or staff resources in relation to developing and publishing the consultation.

The number of times Welsh Government has engaged with their legal advisors, having obtained legal advice in relation to increasing access to land and water from 01/01/2007 – 31/08/2017.

Internal legal advice was requested 8 times and external legal advice requested once.

We hold no recorded information on internal meetings and discussions with Legal Services.